

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

8TH JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Cllr A Price and Councillors D A Chadwick, Miss R S M Fairhurst, Ms A Graham, D J Gradwell, K S Jones D A Wilkinson, Mrs G F Williams and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker.
Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of the public.

PFGP1/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman, Cllr K S Jones, explained the Fire Safety Procedure.

PFGP2/2018 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Town Mayor Cllr Miss S Watkin and Cllrs J R Ainscough and R A Battersby – Personal Commitments, and Cllrs Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and Mrs J A Peplow - sick

PFGP3/2018 TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

PFGP4/2018 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Cllr K S Jones declared an interest in Agenda item No. 7 – To Discuss Planning and Development Matters and to approve any action because he is a member of the Bolton Council Planning Committee.

PFGP5/2018 TO DECLARE A VACANCY IN THE WHITE HORSE WARD DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR P J ASHCROFT

Resolved that the Town Council declare a vacancy in the White Horse Ward due to the resignation of Cllr P J Ashcroft . The Town Clerk is to send a letter of appreciation to former Cllr Ashcroft for his hard work for the community, which he conducted in a in a fair and honest manner, and for his many years of service to the Town Council and the people of Westhoughton

PFGP6/2018 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RELATING TO TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITHIN ITS POWERS

A member of the public asked :

- (a) A question relating to a new housing development which was irrelevant as it was outside the Town Council's powers
- (b) Will the Town Council allocate funds in the 2018-19 budget to fund a second hire car to be used as Policing Team Vehicle. This will be clarified in Agenda Item No. 9 – Discussion on the Town Council Budget for 2018-2019 and to approve any action

**PFGP7/2018 TO DISCUSS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS
AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

(a) TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Council requested that its comments on the following Planning Applications are placed before the Bolton Council Planning Committee:

02508 The Town Council raised no objections

02529 The Town Council raised no objections

02481 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

02406 The Town Council raised no objections

02462 The Town Council requested that the Bolton Council Planning Committee or the Planning Officer determine the application

02159 The Town Council raised no objections

02552 The Town Council raised no objections

(b) DISCUSSION ON PLANNING APPEALS

There were no Planning Appeals.

(c) TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS

Resolved that the Planning Decisions, as circulated, be received and noted.

**PFGP8/2018 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2017**

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 11th December, 2017, as circulated, be approved.

**PFGP9/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2018-2019
AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

The Town Clerk explained the Town Council budget for 2018-2019 and the document was noted by the Town Council.

**PFGP10/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR 2018-2019
AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

This item was deferred until the January Town Council Meeting.

PFGP11/2018 TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 1.12.17 – 31.12.17

Resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for 1.12.17 – 31.12.17, as circulated, be approved.

**PFGP12/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE E-MAIL REGARDING THE FIRING OF
MAROONS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRETORIA PIT
DISASTER AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION**

The e-mail was noted by the Town Council.

Cllr Mrs Winrow-Baker left the meeting.

PFGP13/2018 DISCUSSION ON THE FIRING OF MAROONS FOR THE PRETORIA PIT DISASTER ANNIVERSARY, 2018, AT A FEE OF £240 PLUS VAT AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the firing of maroons for the Pretoria Pit Disaster Anniversary, 2018, at a fee of £240 plus VAT.

PFGP14/2018 DISCUSSION ON ITEMS FOR THE CIVIC AWARDS AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

Resolved that the Town Council approve the following :

- (a) Date & Venue, Saturday, 10th February, 2018, at 7.30 p.m., at Hart Common Golf Club
- (b) Room Hire - £100
- (c) Pasties & Peas - £300

Items (b) and (c) are in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972

PFGP15/2018 REVIEW OF POLICY DOCUMENTS

The Town Council reviewed the following Policy Documents and noted that there were no amendments:

- (a) Anti-Harassment Policy
- (b) Disciplinary Procedure Policy
- (c) Equalities Duties Policy
- (d) First Aid at Work Risk Assessment

PFGP16/2018 DISCUSSION ON ITEMS REQUESTED BY CLLR MRS ECKERSLEY-FALLON AND CLLR WILKINSON AND TO APPROVE ANY ACTION

- (a) **FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH PC'S GRIFFITHS AND BURROWS AND THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM THE MEETING TOGETHER WITH THE CRIME WAVE WHICH IS AFFECTING WESTHOUGHTON THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST A MEETING WITH SENIOR OFFICERS OF GMP TO DISCUSS POLICING IN WESTHOUGHTON (CLLR MRS ECKERSLEY-FALLON)**

A similar item had been discussed by the Town Council on 13th November, 2017 and Cllr Wilkinson provided a note signed by four Councillors, in accordance with Standing Order 11, in order to legally allow the current item to be discussed. Resolved that the Town Clerk write to the Chief Constable.

- (b) **GIVEN THE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REDUCTION OF GMP OFFICER NUMBERS BY OVER 2,000 AND THE RESULTING CRIME WAVE IN WESTHOUGHTON AND OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT A MEETING BE REQUESTED WITH BOLTON WEST CHRIS GREEN M.P. TO DISCUSS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR GMP (CLLR MRS ECKERSLEY-FALLON)**

The Town Clerk explained that the Town Council has no powers regarding Government funding of Police and the item was not discussed.

- (c) **GIVEN THE DECISION BY THE PLANNING INSPECTOR FOR BOWLARDS HEY AND NOW LEE HALL, TOGETHER WITH APPROVAL OF ROSCOE'S FARM BY BOLTON COUNCIL, AND THE IMPACT ON THE TOWN'S INFRASTRUCTURE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, THAT THE WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST A MEETING WITH BOLTON COUNCIL OFFICERS TO BE INFORMED OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS TO SUSTAIN THE COMMUNITY (CLLR WILKINSON)**

Resolved that the Town Clerk write to the Chief Executive of Bolton Council.

PFGP17/2018 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that approval be given to the signing by two members and the Town Clerk of an authorisation for payment of accounts totalling £12,827.05.

			£
AP91	ADT Fire & Security	CCTV Maintenance fee	1,120.62*
AP92	Canon	Photocopier Lease	153.22*
AP93	C Morris	Re-imbusement – room hire	100.00
AP94	Lads & Girls Club	Outreach & Detached Project	2,596.00
AP95	C Morris	Re-imbusement stationery	91.76
051	Senior Solutions	Grant	500.00
052	Budget Blinds	New Office Blinds	210.00
053	Friends of Daisy Hill Station	Environmental Award	50.00
054	Jamie Faulkner	Young Citizen of the Year Award	50.00
055	Tuesday Club	Grant	500.00
056	Bolton Council	Lottery Licence Renewal	20.00
057	Bolton Council	Get Active Youth Project	7,325.00
058	Cash	Postage	100.00
Bank Charges			10.45
TOTAL:			£ 12,827.05

- Paid on 22nd December, 2017 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.4

The payments to Senior Solutions, Friends of Daisy Hill Station, Jamie Faulkner and the Tuesday Club are in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The payments to Bolton Council – Get Active Youth Project and the Lads & Girls Club are in accordance with Section 19 (d) of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976. The payment to ADT Fire & Security is in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Rating Act 1997.

PFGP18/2018 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The following documents were noted by the Town Council

1. Premises Licenses (4)
2. The Town Clerk reported that she had submitted the Town Mayor's details for the L.A.L.C. Buckingham Palace Garden Party draw

PFGP19/2018 DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING AND FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, 12th February, 2018

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.